

£40m boost for transport projects



Stratford – one of the beneficiaries of a transport infrastructure cash injection

THE Mayor has announced details of four transport projects set to receive a share of a £40million fund allocated for regeneration schemes.

The schemes are in areas where transport infrastructure will help trigger significant economic growth.

They are:

Northeast London

£25m for rail upgrades that would provide extra services at Northumberland Park and Tottenham Hale, improving links between Stratford, the Upper Lee Valley and beyond, including Stansted Airport.

Enfield

£2.5m allocated to upgrade

Angel Road station and support regeneration in Enfield. Commuters will benefit from better services and more railway capacity.

Bexley

£5.7m to reduce congestion in Bexley. Work on the Queens Road junction will improve traffic flows to Kent, the M25 and southeast London.

Ealing

£6.8m to fast-track road improvements in Ealing and Southall ahead of the arrival of Crossrail in 2018. It also supports plans to enable the development of land around Southall's new Crossrail station and go ahead with the first phase of infrastructure works for new housing.

The funding boost follows a recommendation by the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) regarding which projects are

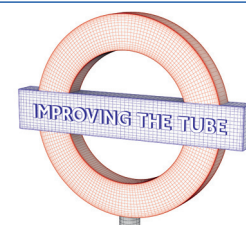
best placed to enhance the city's economy, and therefore receive investment. The LEP advises the Mayor on providing investment to support private sector growth and increase London's competitiveness.

Mayor Boris Johnson said: 'Transport links are a vital precursor to economic development.

'This money is earmarked for investment into transport schemes which have significant potential to stimulate growth and job creation.'

The £40million investment is part of a £111million pot secured by the Mayor from the Government's Growing Places fund to support the LEP's work. The money is being invested in sectors the LEP has prioritised as vital for London's growth, including support for infrastructure development and employment opportunities.

Tube improvement plan – post weekend update



WORKING with Network Rail colleagues, Tube staff used 11 engineering trains to replace 700 metres of District line track between Acton Town and Turnham Green.

This will improve service reliability and ensure more comfortable journeys. During the closure, points maintenance work was also carried out at Acton Town, and drainage and platform improvement work at Ealing Broadway.

London Underground's director of infrastructure, George McNulty, said: 'Throughout the weekend hundreds of engineering and maintenance staff worked around the clock to carry out vital improvement work.

'I am very aware of the disruption these closures can cause so we use every available second to ensure we can carry out the maximum amount of work.'



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